Net Profit (+)/Loss(-) by companies in foreign operations

(Rs. in Crores)

Name of the company	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
New India	(-)11.08	7.60	(-)18.16	(-)48.27	(-)36.83
National	(-)5.44	0.11	(-)43.07	(-)6.69	(-) 102.88
Oriental	(-)11.55	(-)8.98	(-)8.67	1.08	1.86
United India	(-)10.87	(-)22.69	(-)21.98	(-)65.26	(-)28.99

(d) The steps already taken and contemplated by these companies to run their business in profit are as follows:

(i) Gradual shifting from motor portfolio to non-motor portfolio *i.e.,* property and miscellaneous.

(ii) Limiting liability under the Compulsory Third Party Cover.

(iii) Reduction in commission for Motor Third Party Policy.

(iv) Nor renewal of loss-making business.

(v) Not issuing stand-alone liability policies.

(vi) Strict monitoring of claim cost particularly surveyor and solicitor fees.

(vii) Closure of chronic loss-making branches.

Damage to Buland Darwaja in Fatehpur Sikri

*320. SHRIAMAR SINGH:
SHRIABUASIMAZMI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Buland Darwaja in Fatehpur Sikri has suffered grievous damage during the last three years owing to the repeated dynamite blasts in the surrounding hills;

(b) whether it is also a fact that more than 90 monuments are in danger because mining activity in the quarries had been going on despite a ban within a radius of 10 km. around the heritage; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to preserve those monuments?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIJAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) No grievous damage has been caused to Buland Darwaza or other protected monuments, due to mining. However, effect of vibration on monuments and to the prehistoric rock shelters situated in the vicinity of Fatehpur Sikri due to repeated dynamite blasts cannot be ruled out. To contain further damage to the natural environs of world heritage site and to contain impact of vibration on the monuments due to blasts. Archaeological Survey of India has approached the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and requested for specific direction to the Government of Uttar Pradesh to ban mining activities within 10 km. radius and the court has heard the matter on 18.12.2003 for orders/directions. The matter had been repeated taken up with State Government and the State Government has not issued any fresh lease since 1999 and the district authorities of Agra have cancelled 36 leases.

The conservation, preservation, maintenance and environmental development in and around the centrally protected monuments is a continuous process as per archaeological principles.

WRITTEN ANSWER TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Subsidies for Haj Pilgrimage

2163. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to continue to provide subsidies for Haj Pilgrimage for the 2004 season, if so, with what conditions and modifications, *vis-a-vis* subsidies provides in 2003; and

(b) whether such subsidies have been provided for any other pilgrimages, if so, the details and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of changes effected from Haj-2004 onwards are (i) the subsidized Haj fare is permitted for each pilgrim only once in his/her life time from Haj-2004 onwards; (ii) no Income Tax payer is allowed to avail of the subsidized fare from Haj-2004 onwards; (iii) only those pilgrims who live in the accommodation provided